

ment shall be best for the interest of said town, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause an annual tax to be levied on the taxable property of said township in addition to all other taxes required by law, sufficient to pay the interest accruing on said bonds, and the principal of the same as they shall mature, and to apply the tax so collected to the purposes herein provided and to no other.

SEC. 5. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said township at the next annual town meeting. At the time of giving notice of the next annual town meeting the proper officers shall insert in said notice a paragraph setting forth that the question of issuing said bonds will be voted on at said town meeting. The ballots shall have plainly printed or written or partly printed and partly written on them the following words: "For issue of bonds for road," or "Against issue of bonds for road," and said votes shall be cast at said election in the same manner as votes cast for town officers, and shall be canvassed by the same officers, and if upon said canvass it shall appear that a majority of the electors who have voted on the said question shall have voted for the issue of said bonds, the issue of said bonds shall be lawful.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1873.

CHAPTER CXLIX.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CASS AND CROW WING COUNTIES TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING IN BUILDING A BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT WEST BRAINARD.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of Cass and Crow Wing counties be and they are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of their respective counties in an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars for each county, in such denominations as they shall determine, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding twelve per cent. per annum and payable at such time or times as they shall determine, interest payable semi-annually, for the purpose of aiding in building a bridge

across the Mississippi river at the town of West Brainard, which bridge whenever built shall be and remain a free bridge forever.

SEC. 2. The bonds to be issued under the provisions of this act, shall be signed by the chairman of the said boards of county commissioners, and countersigned by the auditors of said counties, and shall be under the seal of each county respectively. The auditors of said counties shall keep a record of all bills so issued, and the boards of county commissioners shall have authority to negotiate the sale of said bonds in such way as in their judgment shall best subserve the interests of said counties; but they shall not negotiate a sale, nor sell said bonds nor any of them at less than their par value.

SEC. 3. The county commissioners of said counties shall annually levy a tax sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds before their maturity, which tax shall be levied and collected with the other taxes of said counties, but such tax so to be levied and collected shall be set apart for the purposes aforesaid, namely, the prompt payment of the semi-annual interest on said bonds as the same may accrue, and of the principal thereof at their maturity, and any diversion of the said funds from that purpose or application of the same for any other or different purpose, shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punished as such.

SEC. 4. No bonds shall be issued under the provisions of this act unless such issue shall be approved by the vote of a majority of the qualified voters of said counties respectively, who may vote upon the question of such issue, and such question is hereby submitted to be voted on by said voters at the annual town meetings to be holden in the several election districts or towns of said counties next after the passage of this act, and at such district election or town meetings those voters who are in favor of the issue of said bonds shall vote a ballot written or printed or partly written and partly printed, having thereon the words "Issue of bonds for bridge, yes," and voters opposed to such issue shall vote a similar ballot having thereon the words "Issue of bonds for bridge, no." Such votes shall be canvassed in the same manner as other votes at such town meeting or district election, and the town clerk of each town shall within five days after the holding of such election, transmit to the county auditor of the county an abstract of such vote, and the county auditors shall cause such vote to be canvassed and the result ascertained in the same manner as votes at a general election held under existing laws are canvassed. If upon such canvass it shall appear that a majority of the votes polled on said question were in favor of the issue of such bonds, then the county commissioners may issue the same as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 5. No bonds shall be issued or sold under the provisions of this act by the commissioners of either of the counties of Cass or

Crow Wing, until the commissioners of both counties have been authorized, as hereinbefore provided to issue the bonds; and equal amounts shall be expended from time to time by each of said counties in the building of said bridge:

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1873.

CHAPTER CL.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF DETROIT TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES IN BECKER COUNTY.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The town of Detroit in the county of Becker in this state, by its board of supervisors, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said town of Detroit to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, with interest coupons attached, for the construction, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges in said town of Detroit, or in any adjoining town, in the discretion of said board of supervisors; which said bonds and the proceeds thereof, shall be applied for said purpose, and it is hereby made the duty of the said board of supervisors, and their successors in office, to issue the said bonds, and to appropriate the proceeds thereof in the construction of roads and bridges as aforesaid, as heretofore directed by the electors of said town of Detroit. *Provided*, That said bonds shall not be negotiated or disposed of for less than their par value.

SEC. 2. Said bonds may be issued in such denominations as said board of supervisors shall determine, and may bear interest payable annually, not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, and shall be made payable in equal installments and amounts of the aggregate principal sum issued, and the first installment shall run two years from their date, and shall not cover more than one-fifth of the aggregate principal sum issued, and the second and succeeding installments of said bonds shall run not less than four years nor more than ten years from their date, in the discretion of said board of supervisors, and all of said bonds shall be made payable to the order of the person or persons, or corporation to whom issued, and shall be paid by the